

OPINION 1312

HELIOTHIS OCHSENHEIMER, 1816 (INSECTA, LEPIDOPTERA):
GENDER AND STEM DESIGNATED

RULING. — (1) It is hereby ruled:

(a) that the stem of the generic name *Heliothis* Ochsenheimer, 1816 for the purposes of Article 29 is HELIOTH-;

(b) that the gender of the generic name *Heliothis* Ochsenheimer, 1816, is feminine.

(2) The family-group name HELIOTHINAE (ex *Heliothidi*) Boisduval, 1828, type genus *Heliothis* Ochsenheimer, 1816, is hereby placed on the Official List of Family-group Names in Zoology with the Name Number 568.

(3) The generic name *Heliothis* Ochsenheimer, 1816 (gender: feminine), type species, by subsequent designation by Samouelle, 1819, *Phalaena dipsacea* Linnaeus, 1767, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2257.

(4) The specific name *dipsacea* Linnaeus, 1767, as published in the binomen *Phalaena dipsacea*, (specific name of the type species of *Heliothis* Ochsenheimer, 1816) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2954.

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)2306

An application for a ruling on the stem and gender of *Heliothis* Ochsenheimer, 1816, was first received from Dr I. W. B. Nye (*British Museum (Natural History), London*) on 15 May 1979. It was sent to the printer on 13 July 1979 and published on 25 September 1980 in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 37, pp. 186–189, with an additional comment by the Secretary published on p. 190. The application received support from Dr R. Feige (*Caracas, Venezuela*) and Dr W. Reed (*International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics, Hyderabad, India*). No adverse comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 13 June 1984 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (1984)39 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 37, p. 189. At the close of the voting period on 13 September 1984 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — sixteen (16) received in the following order: Melville, Holthuis, Mroczkowski, Cocks, Schuster, Savage, Binder, Starobogatov, Sabrosky, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Hahn, Kraus, Brinck, Corliss, Heppell

Negative Votes — none (0).

Alvarado, Bayer, Bernardi, Halvorsen and Ride were on leave of absence. No voting papers were returned by Cogger, Dupuis, Lehtinen and Willink.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

dipsacea Linnaeus, 1767, *Syst. Nat.* ed. 12, p. 856

HELIOTHINAE (ex Heliothidi) Boisduval, 1828, *Europaeorum Lepidopterorum Index Methodicus*, p. 94

Heliothis Ochsenheimer, 1816, *Schmett. Eur.* vol. 4, p. 91.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on V.P.(84)39 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that voting paper has been duly adopted, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1312.

R. V. MELVILLE

Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

29 October 1984